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Re: **GEORGE BROGAN**  
**ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE**

Dear Mr. Brogan:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") has had an opportunity to consider the complaints against you by Christopher Cowen and Phillip Papalia regarding your alleged failure to render services which conform to standard social work practices in the State of New Jersey. Specifically, Mr. Cowen stated that he went to you for a psychological examination for purposes of entering the Monmouth County Police Academy. Mr. Cowen alleges that you discriminated against him because of his age, that you had a bias against him, and that you based the results of the examination on opinion rather than appropriate psychological interpretations. Mr. Papalia states that you evaluated him at the Sussex County Jail where he apparently was being held for violation of a restraining order. Mr. Papalia alleges that you held yourself out as a psychologist, that you were not qualified to administer the psychological test, and that your fee was excessive.

Along with Mr. Cowen's and Mr. Papalia's letters of complaint, the Board further reviewed and considered your responses to the complaints and other documents that you submitted. Additionally, on May 27, 1998, you appeared with counsel Joseph Dochney, Esq. at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including your testimony at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that you engaged

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in practices beyond your scope as a Certified Social Worker ("CSW"), particularly regarding your administration of tests and evaluations. Practicing beyond your scope as a CSW would constitute violations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-3.3. However, the Board has determined to refrain from taking formal disciplinary action against you in consideration of your agreement to do the following:

1. You agree that you will cease and desist from practicing beyond your scope as a CSW.

2. When your certification as a CSW expires on August 31, 1998, you have offered, and the Board has accepted, relinquishment of your CSW status whereby you will not apply for renewal of your certification for the 1998-2000 renewal period and any time thereafter.

3. It appearing that your credentials and experience may qualify you to apply for licensure from the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners/Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, you agree to immediately pursue such licensure, making application no later than September 30, 1998.

Very truly yours,

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I, George Brogan, hereby acknowledge receipt of this letter and assure that I will comply with the directives contained herein.

  
George Brogan, CSW

Date: July 27, 1998